

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 725

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bethpage Elementary School upon being nominated for the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, such an exemplary institution is Bethpage Elementary School in Sumner County, which has been honored as one of six nominees from the State of Tennessee for the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools Award; and

WHEREAS, Bethpage Elementary was nominated in the category of schools in the top ten percent of the state with at least forty percent of the enrollment comprised of disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, the six nominated schools from Tennessee have been invited by the United States Secretary of Education to complete the award application and will be reviewed by a federal assessment panel, which will determine the national winners; and

WHEREAS, having met all required criteria to potentially be recognized as one of the very best schools in the nation, the dedicated educators and professional staff at Bethpage Elementary School proudly receive this nomination on behalf of their school system and their county; and

WHEREAS, the faculty, administration, and staff at Bethpage Elementary School have built an environment and culture at their school which ensure that students have the very best atmosphere for learning; and

WHEREAS, their school's potential selection as a Blue Ribbon school is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students, and parents of the Bethpage Elementary School community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Bethpage Elementary School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents of Bethpage Elementary School on their school being nominated for the 2010 Blue Ribbon Schools Award and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.